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Report of G. T. Purdy on JANE GIBSON

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Alias-EASTON

Operative arrived in Trenton this A.M. and went to 126 East Front Street to verify information given in one of the letters sent to Mrs. Hall which purported to give information in this case. This letter was signed by John Martin. On arriving at this address I found the building to be conducted as a rooming house and interviewed the landlady asking for John Martin. She answered that John Martin was her son and that he was 12 years old. Then asked her if I may see him stating my business. She replied I could and added that the boy wrote the letter at her dictation. I then interviewed the boy John Martin and he admitted that he wrote the letter and that his mother told him what to write, and that he knew nothing about it except what his mother told him. Mrs. Martin then told me about a man that stopped at her house one night after the murder. During the recital of this story she would wander off on a lot of theory on the Hall case and the cause of the murder. She then told me a lot of foolishness about her husband who ran away and left her. I could see from her conversation that was more or less demented. She told me how she mailed the letter from Atlantic City. The boy John Martin also appeared to me to be somewhat erratic so I did not waste any time there for the reasons given.

Operative then went to the address 336 South Broad Street as per instructions of Mr. Palzer. After some inquiry at this address I found that the Gibson woman at one time resided there and occupied the whole house and a store on the street front. In this store she conducted a second-hand furniture business. Her name at this time being Mrs. Easton.

Operative later interviewed Hyman Silverstein who has a furniture store at 332 South Broad Street. This man informed me that he knew the Mrs. Easton who conducted the second-hand furniture store at 338 South Broad Street and that she